

# RE-VER-BER-ATE

May 5-8 2026

AT THE  
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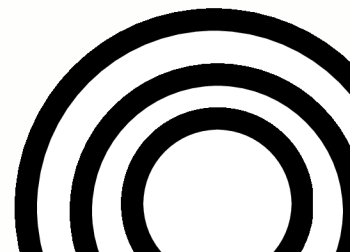
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# Welcome to

# RE-VER-BER-ATE

Welcome to **RE-VER-BER-ATE 2026**, a citywide celebration of student voice, creativity, and connection!

Across four days, Chicago Public Schools student performers bring the Chicago Cultural Center to life with original music, dance, theater, and multimedia performance. This festival is a space to uplift youth expression, amplify emerging artists, and reflect the vibrancy of our city's cultural landscape.

**Whether you're here to support a performer, explore new art forms, or just take it all in, we're so glad you're here!**

## About the Festival

**RE-VER-BER-ATE** is a celebration of creative expression and student voice, bringing together young artists from all over Chicago for an unforgettable week of art-making, performing, and connection.

More than a performance opportunity, **RE-VER-BER-ATE** is an immersive learning experience. Students don't just take the stage, they explore new ideas, engage in collaborative workshops, collaborate in open jam sessions, and connect with professional artists and peers from across the city!

Set in the heart of downtown at the historic Chicago Cultural Center, the festival invites students to share their creativity in one of the city's most iconic venues while discovering the power of the arts to build community, spark dialogue, and celebrate who they are.

## Partners & Sponsors

**RE-VER-BER-ATE** wouldn't be possible without the incredible support and collaboration of our partners and sponsors who share our belief in the transformative power of the arts!

We're proud to work alongside an amazing network of arts and culture organizations across the city. Together, we create a space for students to learn, grow, and share their voices on a public stage. Special thanks to our festival collaborators, workshop leaders, jam facilitators, and the talented teaching artists who make this experience so meaningful.



Chicago Public Schools



## About the Chicago Cultural Center

Located in the heart of downtown, the Chicago Cultural Center is one of the city's most iconic and architecturally stunning public buildings! Originally opened in 1897 as Chicago's first central public library, the building has since transformed into a vibrant home for arts, culture and community connection.

**RE-VER-BER-ATE** is proud to bring young artists into this historic venue, not just as visitors, but as featured performers and creators. With its incredible Tiffany glass domes, grand staircases, and mosaic walls, the Cultural Center provides an inspiring backdrop for students to share their voices, celebrate their creativity, and contribute to Chicago's artistic legacy.



# Exploring the Space

**RE-VER-BER-ATE** takes over nearly every corner of the Chicago Cultural Center, with performances, workshops, art-making, and Open Jam sessions unfolding across five floors. Whether you're heading to a stage to catch a show, jumping into an Open Jam, exploring the Cultural Center, or browsing the Arts Fair, there's something inspiring around every corner.

Look for signage and friendly festival staff throughout the building to help guide you. And don't forget, you can always return to this digital program for directions and details!

## Featured Experiences & Exhibitions

### Arts Fair

The Arts Fair gives attendees the opportunity to explore interactive activities from local arts organizations and partners of our festival. This is a great opportunity to connect with creatives, try something new, and learn about more opportunities and resources rooted in Chicago.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Students can pick up an **Arts Fair Activity Card** at the Student Programs table. Visit 6 or more tables throughout your time at the festival, complete activities or learn about their programs, and collect stamps on your card. Return your completed card to the Student Programs table to claim your prize! **The first 100 participants each day receive a free RE•VER•BER•ATE 2026 t-shirt designed by student artists!** *(After t-shirts are gone, posters are available while supplies last!)*

### Participating organizations include:

- 2nd Story
- Arts + Public Life
- Art in Motion
- After School Matters
- Bollywood & Culture Groove
- CAPE
- Columbia College Chicago
- CHIArts
- Chicago Children's Theatre



CChicago Cultural Center / DCASE  
The Chicago Mosaic School  
Chicago Public Library  
Gerber/Hart Library & Archives  
Girls Rock! Chicago  
Griffin MSI  
Merit School of Music  
Northeastern Illinois University Dance  
People's Center for Cultural & Contemporary Arts (PCCC)  
Uniting Voices Chicago  
Urban Growers Collective  
Vandercook College of Music

## **Open Jam Sessions**

This year, our Open Jam takes place on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in Claudia Cassidy Theater from 12-1PM, and anyone is welcome to join the audience! Performers are invited to join Emcee Andre Daniels from Columbia College Chicago and his "Songwriting 1" class as they present original music and support performers in workshopping their ideas into songs of their own!

## **Workshops**

Workshops are 50-minute hands-on creative experiences where participants can learn new skills or encounter a new creative outlet! All materials are provided. This year our workshops include Visual Art and Poetry Slam workshops with CPS Teaching Artists, Dance Workshops with Old Town School of Folk Music, and Improv Workshops with Children's Theatre Chicago. *These sessions are at capacity and closed to attendees.*

## **All-City Visual Arts Exhibiton**

In collaboration with our partners at the Design Museum of Chicago, **RE•VER•BER•ATE** presents the **All-City Visual Arts Exhibition**. This visual arts component showcases exceptional student work from across the city of Chicago. The museum is open each day of the festival, and is located across the street at 72 E Randolph. We encourage all festival attendees and performers to stop by if they have the opportunity.



## Chicago Cultural Center Exhibitions & Installations

The Chicago Cultural Center hosts a rotating selection of exhibitions and installations that celebrate the city's vibrant artistic landscape and cultural history. During **RE-VER-BER-ATE**, guests are invited to explore several thought-provoking exhibits on display throughout the building.

### ***Alberto Aguilar: I just really want to tell you this one thing***

Located in the Exhibit Hall, Sidney R. Yates Gallery, 4<sup>th</sup> floor North

The artist invites visitors into a creative conversation. Explore themes of communication and developing new ideas together. Check out artworks created by Aguilar's students and his own children in response to the artist's work.

### ***Uncertain Histories***

Located in G.A.R. Hall Cases, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor North

GAR Hall was designed as a memorial to the sacrifices of Union Civil War veterans and their families. Today you can view how veteran artists respond to this never-ending quest to protect our freedoms, acknowledge our past, and explore our future through "Uncertain Histories".

### ***Tangible Sound: Arrival to a Higher Ground***

Located in the Michigan Avenue Galleries, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor East

Imagine walking inside the thunderous sound of a taiko drum or feeling enveloped by the sinuous sounds of a saxophone, cello, or bass. What if your body became part of a visual landscape of colors, textures, and movements that resonated with the bone-tingling sound vibrating in your ears? Step into this sensory and celebratory experience of jazz art forms that connect, uplift, and transform our human spirit by translating the power of music into color and movement.

### ***Great Ideas of Humanity: One of a Series***

Located in the Landmark Chicago Gallery, 1st Floor West

What does a "great idea" look like? Contemporary artists borrow techniques from commercial artists to create posters that advertising "great ideas" instead of products. They embrace the goal of the Chicago Design Museum to make the world a better place through thoughtful design.

### ***The Buddy Store***

Located near the Learning Lab

*What is Buddy? It is a shop that celebrates local creativity! Everything inside is made by Chicago artists and small businesses. You can even buy a post card of a photo collage created by CPS student artists in the Learning Lab through a partnership with Shine On, Chicago! We warmly welcome small groups with chaperones to enter across from the Learning Lab. Check us out!*

Please note that exhibition dates and locations are subject to change. For the most current information, we recommend checking in at the Information Desk during your visit.

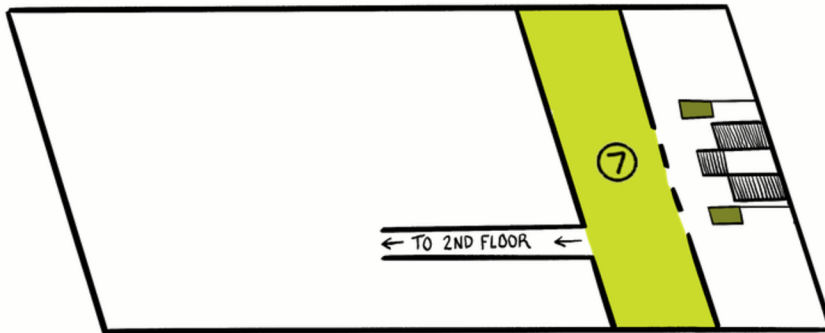
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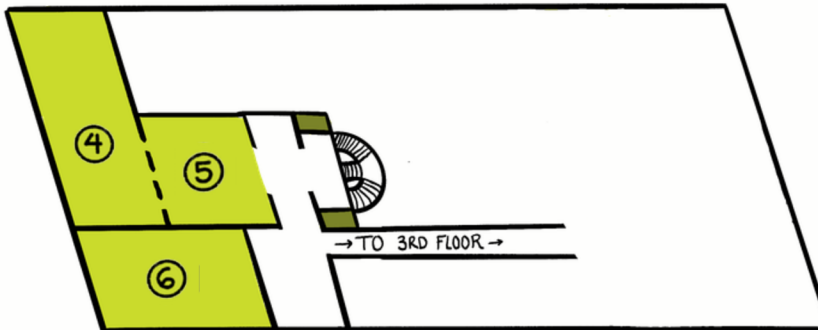
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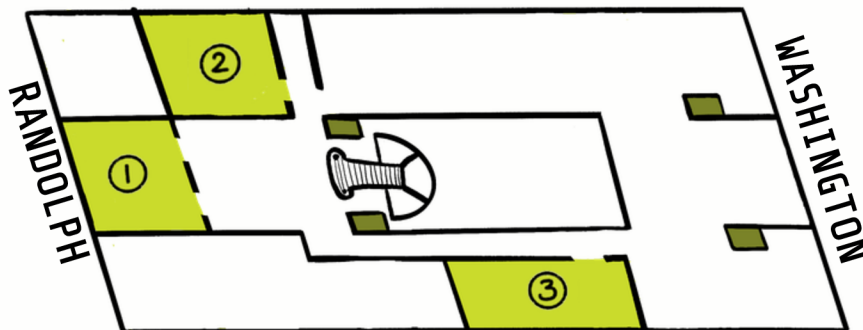
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## 2ND FLOOR



## 1ST FLOOR



## MAP KEY

- ① RANDOLPH LOBBY
- ② DANCE STUDIO
- ③ LEARNING LAB
- ④ GAR HALL
- ⑤ GAR ROTUNDA
- ⑥ CLAUDIA CASSIDY THEATER
- ⑦ PRESTON BRADLEY HALL
- ⑧ MILLENIUM ROOM
- ⑨ WASHINGTON ROOM
- ⑩ GARLAND ROOM
- ELEVATORS



## Accessibility Information

**RE-VER-BER-ATE** is committed to being an inclusive, welcoming space for all guests and participants. The Chicago Cultural Center is ADA accessible, and the festival team has taken steps to ensure an enjoyable experience for all.

Here's what to know:

- **Elevator Access:** Elevators are available on each floor to move between levels.
- **Seating Options:** Most performance spaces include accessible seating areas.
- **Sensory-Friendly Zones:** Need a quiet moment? Visit the Info Desk for help locating a calming space.
- **Additional Accommodations:** If you or someone in your group needs assistance or a specific accommodation, check in at the Info Desk or connect with a **RE-VER-BER-ATE** team member.

**We're here to help — don't hesitate to ask.**

## Restroom & Info Desk Locations

Restrooms are available on the north side of the building on Floors 1, 2, and 4. If you're unsure which direction is north, look for directional signage posted throughout the space or ask a friendly Festival staff member for help!

The Info Desk is located near the Randolph Street entrance on the first floor. Visit the desk for general questions, accessibility assistance, or to reconnect with your group.

## Safety & Security Assistance

Safety is important to all parties involved in this festival. For the duration of **RE-VER-BER-ATE**, Chicago Public Schools security staff will be present throughout the building, in addition to the Chicago Cultural Center's regular security team. While this is a public event in a public building, these added measures help ensure a safe, welcoming environment for all students, guests, and performers.

If at any time you need assistance or feel uncomfortable, please approach any Festival staff member, CPS security officer, or visit the Info Desk near the Randolph Street entrance on the first floor.

# Festival Line-Up

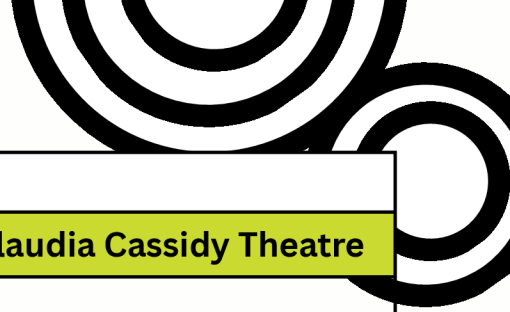


Tuesday, May 5th 2026

Preston Bradley Hall	GAR Hall	Claudia Cassidy Theatre
Sofia Movido	Disney The Lion King Musical	Ebinger All Star Rock Band
Burley Band	The Jazzy Lions	Edwards Rock Band
Carnegie Elementary Advanced Band	Forgive Me For Forgetting Me	8dust
The Gonkler Gang	Zenadia & Nahla	Grupo el Reflejo
The LPHS 6 Chambers	Ariana Olavarria	Dark Aliens
Eagle Singers	Phlowing Phoenix Dance Crew	O.S.A. Rocks
Taft Advanced Chamber Ensemble	Echoes of Stevie's Prophecy	
O.S.A. Concert Choir	Tubman's Fabulous Fourth Graders	
Dewey 4th & 5th Graders	Mount Vernon Dancers	
Dewey 2nd & 3rd Graders	Carnegie Elementary Beginning Dance	
Lily Estrada	Freak Out	
Malikai Maltos	Jira Perkins	
Avidha Biswas	Sydney Grimes	
Gianna Stella	Carnegie Elementary	
Amelia Dryer	Prescott Advanced Dance	
Maria Ligdas		
Unspoken		
Jan Kubajak III		
Zakirah Miller		
Hotaru Kajino Koziarski and Daniel Opp		



Wednesday, May 6th, 2026		
Preston Bradley Hall	GAR Hall	Claudia Cassidy Theatre
Henry Clay Band of Distinction	Bollywood Fever	Luis Nivicela
Foster Park Guitar Ensemble	A Little Party	Twisted U
Chopin String Orchestra	Overcoming, Shola Grai	The Freezing Flames
Foster Park Groove Collective	Nattanam Seiyum Padanar	One Syllable
Burley Advanced Band	Dawes Elementary Musical Theatre Ensemble	The Wild Tigers Advanced Band
Foster Park Soul Singers	Skinner West Dance Team	Broken Chord
Oriole Park Choir	Elegance In Motion	Dawes Modern Band
Burley Advanced Choir	TKC- Taft Korean Club / K-POP	Raelph Rizon
Franklin Fine Arts Center Chorus	Flavors of India	
Gillespie School Choir	Mark Sheridan Academy Chinese Dance group	
Jay, Never Die	Jones Dance Ensemble	
Dezaray, Never Die	The Wells High School Dance Ensemble	
Ayo, Never Die	Baile Folklorico	
Jackson, Never Die	Mark Sheridan Academy Chinese Dance group	
Jordan, Never Die	Jones Dance Ensemble	
Kalyn, Never Die		
The Knott Us Band		
Flora Le		
Esme Nuruddin		



Thursday, May 7th, 2026		
Preston Bradley Hall	GAR Hall	Claudia Cassidy Theatre
South Loop Elementary Advanced Concert Band	Kaahini	Rosacea Boy
Pritzker Middle School Band	Paso doble	Nettelhorst 7th & 8th Grade Advanced Modern Band
Goethe Band	James Ward Elementary Chinese Dance Group	Carnotura
Rachel Carson Elementary Symphonic Band	James Ward Elementary Chinese Dance Group	141 Degrees
Hawthorne Orchestra	James Ward Elementary Chinese Dance Group	Sofiia Ustenko
James Russell Lowell Concert Band		Noble Rock Band
Jones Performance Club Jazz Combo		Amelia McCollom
Mariachi Corazón		No Attendance
Salvador Lara		The D&A
Midnight Sweaters		Lotus
Walter Davidson		Kilmer Middle School
Lucila Leal		
Josh McMahon		
Emmy Extra		
Sofia Marie		
Samantha Rivera		
Millie Zamora		
Luna Jauregui		
Bach Cello Suite no.1 Sarabande		
Half-Eaten Heart		
Beats & Bars		

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

<b>Preston Bradley Hall</b>	<b>GAR Hall</b>	<b>Claudia Cassidy Theatre</b>
Ariel Community Academy Band	Perkins Bass Dancers	Monologue Performance
Mariachi Aguilas de Thorp Scholastic Academy	Ballet Folclorico Estrellitas	Metal Butterflies
Mariachi Los Leones	Sri Gananatha	Osiris The Ruler
Mosaic Guitar Ensemble	Salpuri Dance	The Nettelhorst Players
Mariachi Los Pumas de Jovita Idár Elementary	The Art of Trenton	Dyett Thespian Ensemble
Blaine Blue Jay Choir	Platon Sokolov	Jade Guzman
Ariel Community Academy Choir	Ruth Page's Keystone Dance Academy	Annie
Brooks A Cappella Club	Pullman's Creative Dance Ensemble	Donoghue Drama Stars
Lowell Elementary Cultural Chorus		Volodymyr Nakonechnyy
Nightingale Choir		The Lightning Bolts
Carlos Limon		Definition Chaos
Juan Diaz		Franklin 8th Grade Modern Band
Sofiia Ustenko		Soto High School Rock Band 2
Bogdan Jones		Soto High School Rock Band 1
SI•REN		Conjunto de Victoria Soto High School
Mokshasri Tatineni		Joaquin Wong
Nico		
Jake Perez		
Justo Ostroski		
Analyssa Perez		
Jahzara Lopez		

# Performances by School

## **ACERO - CLEMENTE**

- Mariachi Los Leones (5/8/2026)

## **ACERO - IDAR**

- Mariachi Los Pumas de Jovita Idár Elementary (5/8/2026)

## **ACERO - SOTO HS**

- Conjunto de Victoria Soto High School (5/8/2026)
- Soto High School Rock Band 1 (5/8/2026)
- Soto High School Rock Band 2 (5/8/2026)

## **ARIEL**

- Ariel Community Academy Band (5/8/2026)
- Ariel Community Academy Choir (5/8/2026)
- Emmy Extra (5/7/2026)

## **ART IN MOTION**

- Phlowing Phoenix Dance Crew (5/5/2026)

## **BASS**

- Perkins Bass Dancers (5/8/2026)

## **BEAUBIEN**

- Mokshasri Tatineni (5/8/2026)

## **BLAINE**

- Blaine Blue Jay Choir (5/8/2026)
- Josh McMahon (5/7/2026)

## **BROOKS HS**

- Brooks A Cappella Club (5/8/2026)



# Performances by School

## **BURLEY**

- Ananda Tandava Ganapathi (5/8/2026)
- Arpuda Narthanam (5/6/2026)
- Burley Advanced Band (5/6/2026)
- Burley Advanced Choir (5/6/2026)
- Burley Band (5/5/2026)
- Kaahini (5/7/2026)

## **BYRNE**

- Lucila Leal (5/7/2026)

## **CARNEGIE**

- Carnegie Elementary (5/5/2026)
- Carnegie Elementary Advanced Band (5/5/2026)
- Carnegie Elementary Beginning Dance (5/5/2026)
- Jira Perkins (5/5/2026)
- The Art of Trenton (5/8/2026)

## **CARSON**

- Rachel Carson Elementary Symphonic Band (5/7/2026)

## **CASELL**

- Amelia McCollom (5/7/2026)

## **CHIARTS HS**

- Luna Jauregui (5/7/2026)

## **CHOPIN**

- Chopin String Orchestra (5/6/2026)

## **CLAY**

- Henry Clay Band of Distinction (5/6/2026)

## **CLISSOLD**

- Overcoming, Shola Grai (5/6/2026)

# Performances by School

## **CURIE HS**

- Half-Eaten Heart (5/7/2026)
- Mariachi Corazon (5/7/2026)

## **DAWES**

- Dawes Elementary Musical Theatre Ensemble (5/6/2026)
- Dawes Modern Band (5/6/2026)

## **DECATUR**

- Maria Ligdas (5/5/2026)

## **DEWEY**

- Dewey 2nd & 3rd Graders (5/5/2026)
- Dewey 4th & 5th Graders (5/5/2026)

## **DIRKSEN**

- Volodymyr Nakonechnyy (5/8/2026)

## **DYETT ARTS HS**

- Dyett Thespian Ensemble (5/8/2026)

## **EBERHART**

- Nico (5/8/2026)
- Osiris The Ruler (5/8/2026)

## **EBINGER**

- Ebinger All Star Rock Band (5/5/2026)
- Sofia Movido (5/5/2026)

## **EDISON PARK**

- Sofiiia Ustenko (5/7/2026)

## **EDWARDS**

- Edwards Rock Band (5/5/2026)
- Grupo el Reflejo (5/5/2026)



## Performances by School

### **EVERGREEN**

- The Wild Tigers Advanced Band (5/6/2026)

### **FOSTER PARK**

- Elegance In Motion (5/6/2026)
- Foster Park Groove Collective (5/6/2026)
- Foster Park Guitar Ensemble (5/6/2026)
- Foster Park Soul Singers (5/6/2026)

### **FRANKLIN**

- Definition Chaos (5/8/2026)
- Franklin 8th Grade Modern Band (5/8/2026)
- Franklin Fine Arts Center Chorus (5/6/2026)
- Monologue performance (5/8/2026)
- The Lightning Bolts (5/8/2026)

### **FRAZIER PROSPECTIVE**

- SI•REN (5/8/2026)

### **FUNSTON**

- Disney The Lion King Musical (5/5/2026)

### **GALILEO**

- Ballet Folclorico Estrellitas (5/8/2026)

### **GARVY**

- Flora Le (5/6/2026)

### **GILLESPIE**

- Gillespie School Choir (5/6/2026)

### **GOETHE**

- Goethe Band (5/7/2026)

# Performances by School

## **GOODE HS**

- Jade Guzman (5/8/2026)
- Millie Zamora (5/7/2026)
- Salvador Lara (5/7/2026)
- Samantha Rivera (5/7/2026)
- Zakirah Miller (5/5/2026)

## **GOUDY**

- Paso doble (5/7/2026)

## **HAMILTON**

- One Syllable (5/6/2026)
- The Freezing Flames (5/6/2026)

## **HANCOCK HS**

- Analyssa Perez (5/8/2026)

## **HAWTHORNE**

- Hawthorne Orchestra (5/7/2026)

## **JONES HS**

- Jones Dance Ensemble (5/6/2026)
- Jones Dance Ensemble (5/6/2026)
- Jones Performance Club Jazz Combo (5/7/2026)
- Lotus (5/7/2026)
- No Attendance (5/7/2026)
- The D&A (5/7/2026)

## **JORDAN**

- Platon Sokolov (5/8/2026)

## **JUAREZ HS**

- Jahzara Lopez (5/8/2026)
- Twisted U (5/6/2026)



## Performances by School

### **KENWOOD HS**

- Beats & Bars (5/7/2026)
- Joaquin Wong (5/8/2026)

### **KILMER**

- Kilmer Middle School (5/7/2026)

### **LAKE VIEW HS**

- Luis Nivicela (5/6/2026)
- Raelph Rizon (5/6/2026)

### **LANE TECH HS**

- Rosacea Boy (5/7/2026)
- Walter Davidson (5/7/2026)

### **LINCOLN PARK HS**

- The Gonkler Gang (5/5/2026)
- The LPHS 6 Chambers (5/5/2026)

### **LOWELL**

- James Russell Lowell Concert Band (5/7/2026)
- Lowell Elementary Cultural Chorus (5/8/2026)

### **LOZANO**

- Malikai Maltos (5/5/2026)

### **MATHER HS**

- Bach Cello Suite no.1 Sarabande (5/7/2026)

### **MCCUTCHEON**

- Dark Aliens (5/5/2026)

### **MORTON**

- Sofia Marie (5/7/2026)

# Performances by School

## **MOSAIC**

- Mosaic Guitar Ensemble (5/8/2026)
- Salpuri Dance (5/8/2026)

## **MOUNT VERNON**

- Mount Vernon Dancers (5/5/2026)

## **MURPHY**

- 8dust (5/5/2026)

## **NASH**

- Annie (5/8/2026)

## **NATIONAL TEACHERS**

- Hotaru Kajino Koziarski and Daniel Opp (5/5/2026)

## **NETTELHORST**

- Nettelhorst 7th & 8th Grade Advanced Modern Band (5/7/2026)
- The Nettelhorst Players (5/8/2026)

## **NIGHTINGALE**

- Nightingale Choir (5/8/2026)

## **NOBLE - BULLS HS**

- Noble Rock Band (5/7/2026)

## **NORTH-GRAND HS**

- Midnight Sweaters (5/7/2026)

## **OGDEN ES**

- A Little Party (5/6/2026)

## **ORIOLE PARK**

- Broken Chord (5/6/2026)
- Oriole Park Choir (5/6/2026)



## Performances by School

### **OTHER - ARTS ORGANIZATION**

- Donoghue Drama Stars (5/8/2026)
- Juan Diaz (5/8/2026)

### **OWEN**

- Jan Kubajak III (5/5/2026)
- O.S.A. Concert Choir (5/5/2026)
- O.S.A. Rocks (5/5/2026)
- Zenadia & Nahla (5/5/2026)

### **PALMER**

- Sydney Grimes (5/5/2026)

### **PAYTON HS**

- Baile Folklorico (5/6/2026)
- Bogdan Jones (5/8/2026)

### **PEIRCE**

- Gianna Stella (5/5/2026)

### **PHOENIX MILITARY HS**

- Carlos Limon (5/8/2026)

### **PRESCOTT**

- Prescott Advanced Dance (5/5/2026)

### **PRITZKER**

- Pritzker Middle School Band (5/7/2026)

### **PULLMAN**

- Pullman's Creative Dance Ensemble (5/8/2026)

### **RICKOVER MILITARY HS**

- Carnotura (5/7/2026)

# Performances by School

## **SHERIDAN**

- Mark Sheridan Academy Chinese Dance group (5/6/2026)
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## **SIMEON HS**

- Ayo, Never Die (5/6/2026)
- Dezaray, Never Die (5/6/2026)
- Jackson, Never Die (5/6/2026)
- Jay, Never Die (5/6/2026)
- Jordan, Never Die (5/6/2026)
- Kalyn, Never Die (5/6/2026)

## **SKINNER**

- Bollywood Fever (5/6/2026)
- Flavors of India (5/6/2026)
- Skinner West Dance Team (5/6/2026)

## **SKINNER NORTH**

- Avidha Biswas (5/5/2026)

## **SOLOMON**

- Unspoken (5/5/2026)

## **SOR JUANA**

- Jake Perez (5/8/2026)
- The Knott Us Band (5/6/2026)

## **SOUTH LOOP**

- South Loop Elementary Advanced Concert Band (5/7/2026)

## **SOUTH SHORE ES**

- Echoes of Stevie's Prophecy (5/5/2026)
- The Jazzy Lions (5/5/2026)

## **SUDER**

- Esme Nuruddin (5/6/2026)



## Performances by School

### **SULLIVAN HS**

- 141 Degrees (5/7/2026)

### **TAFT HS**

- Ariana Olavarria (5/5/2026)
- Eagle Singers (5/5/2026)
- Freak Out (5/5/2026)
- Lily Estrada (5/5/2026)
- TKC- Taft Korean Club / K-POP (5/6/2026)
- Taft Advanced Chamber Ensemble (5/5/2026)

### **TALCOTT**

- Justo Ostroski (5/8/2026)

### **THORP O**

- Mariachi Aguilas de Thorp Scholastic Academy (5/8/2026)

### **TUBMAN**

- Tubman's Fabulous Fourth Graders (5/5/2026)

### **VIRTUAL ACADEMY ES**

- Amelia Dryer (5/5/2026)

### **WARD J**

- James Ward Elementary Chinese Dance Group (5/7/2026)
- James Ward Elementary Chinese Dance Group (5/7/2026)
- James Ward Elementary Chinese Dance Group (5/7/2026)

### **WELLS HS**

- The Wells High School Dance Ensemble (5/6/2026)

### **WENTWORTH**

- Ruth Page's Keystone Dance Academy (5/8/2026)

### **YOUNG HS**

- Forgive Me For Forgetting Me (5/5/2026)
- Metal Butterflies (5/8/2026)



# Tips for Being A Great Guest

**RE-VER-BER-ATE** isn't just a celebration, it's a learning experience! For some students, this may be their first time performing on a professional stage, attending a live show, or sharing their art with an audience beyond their school. Every moment is a chance to grow, explore, and build confidence.

As we gather artists, educators, families, and community members from across Chicago, we invite everyone to help create a welcoming and supportive space – one that honors both the joy of performance and the power of learning together.

## Audience Etiquette

Whether it's a quiet moment in a solo performance or an energetic group number, every artist on stage deserves our full attention and respect! This means silencing devices, staying seated during performances when possible, and saving conversations for after the show.

Educators and adults: your cues help set the tone! Modeling focused, respectful behavior helps younger guests and performers understand what's expected and feel confident in doing the same. We appreciate you helping foster a learning environment for all!

## Supporting Performers

Being a part of the audience is a powerful way to show support! Feel free to clap loudly, cheer enthusiastically, and celebrate each performer's bravery and talent – even if you don't know them personally! The energy you bring makes a difference and helps each and every artist feel seen.

As part of the festival experience, all student performers are expected to stay and support the other ensembles in their performance hour block.

Teachers, parents, and chaperones can encourage students to cheer for others and reflect on what they enjoyed about the performance. Every positive interaction helps build community and confidence!



## Social Media/Sharing

We love seeing your **RE-VER-BER-ATE** moments! Feel free to capture and share photos or videos of your own school or students performances or activities, but always check in before photographing others. When in doubt, ask!

You can tag us on social media using **#REVERBERATE** and **@CPS\_arts** so we can celebrate alongside you!

## Questions You Might Have (FAQ)

### **I lost something! Where can I find it?**

Lost and Found will be centralized near Preston Bradley Hall, our event team's command center. If you're no longer in the building, feel free to reach out to [reverberate@cps.edu](mailto:reverberate@cps.edu) and we will do our best to assist you!

### **Who can attend or perform?**

**RE-VER-BER-ATE** is a celebration of Chicago Public Schools' student artists. All performers and workshop/masterclass participants are CPS students, and every performance was selected through our application process.

The event itself is free and open to the public, and we welcome families, educators, friends, and community members to come experience the day!

### **Can I walk into any of the experiences/spaces?**

The stages, performance spaces, and other Cultural Center spaces are open to the public, so feel free to wander in and enjoy the shows! All performances are free and open to all attendees.

However, our workshops, and other scheduled experiences have limited capacity depending on the space they are hosted in. These sessions are pre-scheduled and assigned to performers in advance to ensure everyone has the best experience possible. Feel free to check out their individual listings within the Featured Experience section to learn more.



### **Can I bring food or drinks?**

Water bottles are totally okay to bring. However, food and other drinks should be saved for designated lunch breaks and only consumed in approved areas of the building (Millenium Park Room and Randolph Square). Please help us take care of the space by cleaning up after eating.

### **Can I take photos or videos?**

You're welcome to take photos or videos of your own school's performance or group experience, just be mindful and respectful of others. Avoid blocking walkways or sightlines, and always ask before photographing someone outside your group.

Don't forget to tag us using **#REVERBERATE2026** and **@CPS\_Arts!**

### **How can I share feedback?**

We'd love to hear what you thought of the festival! Visit [this link](#) to access our digital survey, or scan the QR code on any of our staff badges. Your feedback helps us ensure we can continue to offer this opportunity for students each year!

### **How are the performing acts decided?**

Each ensemble, group, or student performer participating in RE-VER-BER-ATE submitted through an application process hosted by the CPS Department of Arts Education and was offered a performance slot based on multiple factors including availability, group size, act type, and other varying factors. Our goal is to showcase a wide range of student work, styles, and schools from across the city and we are excited to have continued to grow the size of this festival each year!

### **How can I participate next year?**

Are you a CPS student or arts educator? We'd love to see your performance submission next year! Keep an eye out for more information regarding All-City student programming opportunities in the fall and winter, they'll be posted at [cpsart.org](http://cpsart.org) and shared with arts teachers across CPS.

We also welcome new collaborators, sponsors, arts partners, and volunteers to continue offering this incredible opportunity to students each year! Interested in getting involved? Reach out to us at [reverberate@cps.edu](mailto:reverberate@cps.edu) with more information.